AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) An informing system for providing <u>different types of</u> information <u>to a user</u> through a local area network having a plurality of various types of devices, the informing system comprising:

a communication device that <u>receives the different types of information and</u> communicates at least with the plurality of various types of devices within the local area network;

a properties file producing device that produces a properties file storing preferences for performing a plurality of informing jobs <u>corresponding respectively to the different types of received information</u>, wherein the properties file stores<u>, for each of the plurality of informing jobs, at least one address of at least one of the plurality of devices within the local area network which will potentially provide the information of a particular informing job to the user, and</u> settings related to at least one of the following; whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which of the plurality of devices on the local area network will perform the informing job, wherein when information is subsequently received at the communication device, a determination is made on how to provide the <u>type of</u> received information <u>to the user</u> based on <u>the at least one address and the</u> settings included in the properties file; and

an informing device that provides the received information to at least one of the plurality of devices within the local area network to perform the informing job according to the determination made based on the <u>at least one address and the</u> settings in the properties file produced by the properties file producing device.

2.   (Previously Presented) The informing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the informing device turns on at least one of the plurality of devices within the local area network if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

3.   (Original) The informing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the local area network is a home network in a home.

4.   (Previously Presented) The informing system as defined in claim 3, wherein the informing device turns on the at least one of the plurality of devices within the local area network if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

5.   (Currently Amended) An informing system for providing different types of information to a user through a local area network having a plurality of various types of devices, the informing system comprising:

        a communication device that receives the different types of information and communicates at least with the plurality of various types devices within the local area network;

        a properties file producing device that produces a properties file storing preferences for performing a plurality of informing jobs corresponding respectively to the different types of received information, wherein the properties file stores, for each of the plurality of informing jobs, at least one address of at least one of the plurality of devices within the local area network which will potentially provide the information of a particular informing job to the user, and settings related to at least one of the following; whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which of the plurality of devices on the local area network will perform the informing job, wherein when information is subsequently received at the communication device, a determination is made on how to provide the type of received information to the user based on the at least one address and the settings included in the properties file;

        a server that stores the properties file produced by the properties file producing device; and

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an informing device that provides the received information to perform the informing job according to the determination made based on the <u>at least one address and the</u> settings in the properties file stored in the server.

6.   (Previously Presented) The informing system as defined in claim 5, wherein the informing device turns on at least one of the plurality of devices on the local area network if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

7.   (Original) The informing system as defined in claim 5, wherein the local area network is a home network in a home.

8.   (Previously Presented) The informing system as defined in claim 7, wherein the informing device turns on at least one of the plurality of devices on the local area network if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

9.   (Original) The informing system as defined in claim 5, wherein the server is one of a refrigerator and a telephone that can transmit and receive information through the local area network.

10.   (Previously Presented) The informing system as defined in claim 9, wherein the informing device turns on at least one of the plurality of devices on the local area network if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

11.   (Original) The informing system as defined in claim 9, wherein the local area network is a home network in a home.

12.   (Previously Presented) The informing system as defined in claim 11, wherein the informing device turns on at least one of the plurality of devices on the local area network if the properties file shows that the informing job has the priority over the other informing jobs.

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13.   (Currently Amended) An informing method for providing <u>different types of</u> information <u>to a user</u> through a local area network having a plurality of various types of devices, the informing method comprising:

producing and storing a properties file storing preferences for performing a plurality of informing jobs <u>corresponding respectively to the different types of received information</u>, wherein the properties file stores<u>, for each of the plurality of informing jobs, at least one address of at least one of the plurality of devices within the local area network which will potentially provide the information of a particular informing job to the user, and</u> settings related to at least one of the following; whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs, whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually, a range of the informing job, and which of the plurality of devices on the local area network will perform the informing job,

receiving <u>a type of</u> information at a communication device subsequent to storing the properties file,

determining how to provide the received information to <u>the user by</u> performi<u>ng</u> the informing job <u>corresponding to the type of received information</u> based on <u>the at least one address and the</u> settings included in the properties file; and

providing the received information according to the determination made based on the settings in the properties file.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein whether the informing job will be performed automatically or manually includes automatically transferring the information to a printing device for printing.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein providing information according to the determination made based on the settings in the properties file further includes transferring the received information to one of the plurality of devices on the network based on the setting, relating to which of the plurality of devices on the local area network will perform the informing job, in the properties file.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein whether or not an informing job has priority over other informing jobs further includes establishing a communication channel between a device storing the properties file and another of the plurality of devices on the local area network based on the setting in the properties file.

17.   (Previously Presented) The informing system of claim 1, wherein the system produces the property file according to a user's input operation.

18.   (Previously Presented) The informing system of claim 1, wherein the system produces the property file according a user's input operation in a properties screen.

19.   (Previously Presented) The informing system of claim 1, wherein the system produces the properties file of one of the plurality of devices within the local area network, wherein a local area network is a home network, wherein the one of the plurality of devices is selected on a selection screen.

20.   (Previously Presented) The informing system of claim 19, wherein the system sends the produced properties file to the selected one of the plurality of devices.

21.   (Previously Presented) The informing system of claim 19, wherein the system sends the produced properties file to the selected one of the plurality of devices together with information.

22.   (New) The informing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the different types of received information include at least one of the group consisting of: information regarding a particular subscription item and information regarding a home security system.

23.   (New) The informing system as defined in claim 22, wherein the subscription item is an e-magazine or an e-newspaper, and wherein the informing device provides at least a notification to the user that the subscription item has been received.

24.   (New) The informing system as defined in claim 22, wherein the information regarding a home security system is information regarding a detected abnormality in the security system, and wherein the informing device provides at least one of voice and images received by the communication device from the home security system to the user based on the determination made based on the properties file.

25.   (New) The informing system as defined in claim 1, wherein the informing job is performed by one of: blinking an indicator, displaying the received information, printing the received information, and playing an audible indicator.

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